

**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**November 1, 2020
All Saints Sunday**



“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number...” (Revelation 7:9)

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If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memorial of a loved one or celebration of God's grace in your life, please contact the church office.

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the CLC. We hope you are blessed by God's grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting Four

Sermon: "Blessed? Yes, Blessed!" from Matthew 5:1-12

Hymns: 676 (1, 3) – Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
677 – For All the Saints

Pianist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Jim Larson
10:00 am: Chris Stelling, Brent Wohlers

Altar Duty November: Leo & Barb Larson

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:

Sunday, October 25: 130 Souls

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, October 25: \$ 5,107.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (534-2623) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

November 1: Elaine Holst, Michael Gernes, Spencer Gilbertson

November 2: Rily Irish, Jayden Bauer

November 3: Patricia Barnes, Benjamin Neumann, Michael Barnes

November 4: Keith Eggenberger, Matthew Zabel, Cassie Thompson

November 5: Anne Borgschatz, Brent Wohlers

November 6: Emma Borgschatz

November 7: Jennifer Irish



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Finding new Stephen Ministry Leaders is the next step for growing our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now, we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as Stephen Leaders. **Please include this need in your prayers.** God answers our prayers because He is faithful. More info on Leadership training can be found at www.stephenministries.org/LTC. With the COVID19 pandemic around for some time yet, Leadership training is now available online in a 5 or 10 week course. We are praying to sign you up for the next available cohort in February 2021! For more information or questions, contact Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390).

What Every Baptized Child of God Should Remember When Voting

Keep perspective.

Remember who is ultimately in control over all things: The same One into whom you were baptized—the Father who created you and gives all that you need for your body and life, Jesus Christ who has redeemed you paying for your sins by His crucifixion, and the Holy Spirit who has called you by the Gospel and continues to enlighten you with His gifts of Word and Sacraments. He loves you. He will never forsake you. He will guide you as He ever has now and throughout the future even to our eternal rest with Him.

You are a member of two kingdoms. One is eternal. The other is temporary. The eternal one is the true end goal.

Keep faith in God, not political leaders.

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation” (Ps. 146:3). No political leader can be nor will be perfect, nor will they make decisions that will please all people. This is still a world broken by sin. God works His will even in and through the governments of this world (Rom. 13:1-4).

The government in the United States is unique in that we have the ability and privilege to elect those who represent us in local, state and national elections for judges, representatives, governors, and president. The persons for whom we vote is important. Therefore, as members of this earthly kingdom we should desire to live out our faith as good citizens and support good and godly government for our good and the welfare of our neighbor.

Informed voting is essential. Do your research.

Do not vote because of endorsements of celebrities or because of what you “heard on the news.” Educate yourself on the stances of each candidate and party regarding biblical and moral issues like the sanctity of life from its conception to its natural end (are they prolife/anti-abortion, against euthanasia?), the protection of biblical marriage, and the freedom to worship without government interference.

Find out which party or candidate will protect Christians in the public sector. Will they defend the right of citizens to conduct business according to their confession of faith without being forced to go against conscience? Do they think that a person can be fired or denied advancement because of church membership or belief system? If they deny that right to believe and practice that faith in public vocation and life, then they should not receive your vote.

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